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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for  
Intelligence

SUBJECT : ACDA Draft Memorandum, "Intra-  
Alliance Disclosure Policy on  
Verification Techniques," dated  
December 30, 1969

1. The attached memorandum has not yet been signed. General Davis got Mr. Gerard Smith's approval to send it to us for comment after I talked to him on 2 January 1970 (see my memorandum of that date).

2. The memorandum leads off with the undocumented proposition that "our disclosure policy on the whole range of national means has fallen seriously behind our negotiating requirements, our liaison requirements with Congress, and our policy formation needs in general." There is an allusion to "losing Alliance confidence in the name of security" and to "skepticism in NATO about our unilateral means." The memo winds up with two proposals: first, to ask the 156 Committee to lower the classification on "certain information;" second, to promise--at the NATO POLADS meeting on 12 January--that the US will provide briefings in capitals or in NATO some time this spring.

3. Some quick comments:

a. It is not at all clear exactly what Gerry Smith has in mind. "Unilateral means" seems to be an echo of SALT and all that implies [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] But proposal 2 casts the verification problem in the context of BFR (Balanced Force Reduction) model building, which is another problem entirely.

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- b. The allegations made in the first paragraph about "loss of confidence" and "skepticism" need spelling out.

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From the Director's viewpoint, the question is whether the potential gains outweigh the potential losses.

- c. It is not at all clear just what these "briefings" will cover: US technical capabilities for unilateral monitoring? US judgments on Soviet strategic and general purpose forces? Both?

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*ACDA efforts to reduce  
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the verification picture.*

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